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ENTRANCE TO THE SENATE WING OF THE CAPITOL.

No person will be admitted to the Senate wing of the Capitol, the Senate galleries, the floor of the Senate Chamber, or the inaugural platform without a ticket or card signed by Senators SHERMAN, MITCHELL, and ELKINS, comprising the Committee of Arrangements. Except Members of the Senate and elective officers, Members of the House of Representatives and elective officers, the ex-President and the ex-Vice-President, the Justices of the United States Supreme Court and officers (the clerk, reporter, and marshal), Cabinet Officers, the Major-General Commanding the Army and his aid, the Senior Admiral of the Navy on the active list and his aid.

Tickets of admission and cards (except those for Members-elect) will be good only at the Senate bronze door (at the head of the marble steps on the east front of the Senate wing) and at the lower door under the arch beneath these marble steps.

Ticket holders presenting themselves at any other than these two entrances will be refused admission. This provision is necessary to protect the galleries for the use of those having tickets, and to prevent persons with or without tickets gaining admission through the halls leading from the rotunda and the crypt and occupying the galleries to the exclusion of the bona fide ticket holders.

All horses and carriages, except those used in conveying persons to the Senate wing of the Capitol, will be excluded from the north half of the Capitol grounds *until after the conclusion of the inaugural ceremonies.*

The two eastern doors of the Senate wing, as above described, will be open at 10 o'clock a. m., to those holding tickets and cards and entitled to admission.

ENTRANCE TO THE GALLERIES OF THE SENATE CHAMBER.

THE SENATE RESERVED GALLERY.

The section of the Gallery known as the Senate Reserved Gallery, on the eastern side, between the Ladies' Gallery and the eastern Reserved Gallery, will be set apart for the guests of the President and President-elect, the Vice-President and Vice-President-elect, and the families of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Supreme Court and Cabinet Officers. Special tickets will be issued for this Gallery, and NO ONE will be admitted to it without such ticket.

THE DIPLOMATIC GALLERY.

The Diplomatic Gallery will be reserved exclusively for the use of the families of the members of the Diplomatic Corps, and tickets of admission thereto will be distributed by the Secretary of State.

THE PRESS GALLERY.

The Press Gallery will be reserved exclusively for the Reporters of the Press. Tickets of admission thereto will be countersigned by the Chairman of the Press Committee, and will entitle the holders to proceed to the place reserved for the Press on the platform while the procession is forming and in advance of it.

ALL OTHER GALLERIES.

All other galleries will be open to those holding gallery tickets without distinction or reservation.

The Committee of Arrangements are determined that the tickets issued shall not exceed the capacity of the galleries, and therefore it will be impossible to allot more than four to each Senator and Senator-elect (a total of 420) or more than two to each Member, Delegate, and the elective officers of the House of Representatives (a total of 730).

As seats on the aisle steps and standing room in the galleries have to be utilized to accommodate even this number, gentlemen are requested to give ladies the precedence for the chairs.

The gallery tickets allotted to the House of Representatives will be distributed by the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House, to whom Members and Delegates should apply for their quotas, on or before March 1st.

Coupons will be detached from gallery tickets at the entrances to the Senate wing of the Capitol by the Senate Doorkeepers.

All tickets to the galleries and all cards of admission to the floor of the Senate Chamber will also entitle holders thereof to places on the inaugural platform, and it will be impossible to admit any person to the platform who has not previously been admitted to the Senate wing of the Capitol.

ENTRANCE TO THE FLOOR OF THE SENATE CHAMBER.

The doors of the Senate Chamber will be opened at 11 o'clock a. m. to those entitled to admission, as follows:

The President.	Ex-Secretaries and ex-Sergeants-at-Arms of the Senate.
The President and Vice-President-elect.	Ex-Speakers of the House of Representatives.
The ex-President and ex-Vice-President.	Ambassadors and Ministers of the United States.
The Chief Justice, Associate Justices and Officers of the Supreme Court.	Ambassadors and Ministers of Foreign Countries who have been presented officially to the President.
Members of Congress and Delegates.	Judges of the Court of Claims.
Cabinet Officers and Governors of States.	Judges of the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia.
The Major-General Commanding the Army and his aid.	Marshal of the District of Columbia.
The Senior Admiral of the Navy and his aid.	The Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution.
The Librarian of Congress.	The Commissioners of the District of Columbia.
The Elective Officers of the House of Representatives.	The Lieutenant-General of the Army, retired.
The Architect of the Capitol and his Assistant.	Officers of the Army and Navy who, by name, have received the thanks of Congress.
Senators-elect and ex-Senators.	
Members of Congress-elect.	

The Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives will distribute to Members-elect cards of identification, and they are requested to come with the Members of the House and enter the Senate Chamber at the south door.

The Secretary of State will distribute to Ambassadors and Ministers of Foreign Countries cards of admission to the Senate Chamber, and they are requested to enter at the Senate bronze door and to assemble in the Senate marble room, whence they will be shown to seats on the Senate floor.

The Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate will distribute to all the others above named cards of admission to the Senate Chamber, and they are requested to enter at the Senate bronze door or the door under the arch beneath the bronze door.

Those entitled to admission to the floor of the Senate will be shown to their seats upon entering the Senate Chamber by those on attendance.

The Supreme Court, headed by its officers, will enter the Senate Chamber in a body at 11.45 a. m., and be announced.

The House of Representatives, headed by its officers, will enter the Senate Chamber in a body at 11.50 a. m., and be announced.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE SENATE CHAMBER.

The President and President-elect will be escorted to the Capitol, each by a member of the Committee of Arrangements, and will enter the Senate wing by the bronze door. The President will go directly to the President's room and the President-elect to the Vice-President's room, where they will remain until they enter the Senate Chamber. Having been escorted to the Senate Chamber and introduced by the Committee of Arrangements, they will occupy the seats reserved for them in front of the Vice-President's desk. The Committee of Arrangements will occupy the seats on their left.

The Vice-President-elect will be accompanied to the Senate by a member of the Committee of Arrangements, will enter the Senate wing at the bronze door, and will go to the Vice-President's room. From there he will go to the Senate Chamber, where the oath of office will be administered to him by the Vice-President, just before the adjournment of the present Senate.

After prayer by the Chaplain, the Vice-President will deliver his inaugural and will swear in the Senators-elect.

THE PROCESSION TO THE INAUGURAL PLATFORM.

After the organization of the Senate shall have been completed, those assembled in the Senate Chamber will proceed through the south door of the Chamber and the Senate bronze door to the platform on the east front in the following order, viz:

The Marshal of the District of Columbia and the Marshal of the Supreme Court.

The Chief Justice, Associate Justices, Clerk, and Reporter of the Supreme Court.

The ex-President.

The ex-Vice-President.

The Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate.

The Committee of Arrangements.

The President and the President-elect.

The Vice-President and his predecessor.

The Secretary of the Senate.

Members of the Senate and ex-Senators.

Members of the House of Representatives, Members-elect, and Officers.

Ambassadors to the United States.

Ministers Plenipotentiary.

Governors of States.

Heads of Departments.

The Major-General Commanding the Army, the Admiral of the Navy, and the Officers of the Army and Navy who by command have received the thanks of Congress.

All other persons who have been admitted to the floor of the Senate Chamber, followed by those who have been admitted to the galleries.

The occupants of the galleries will please remain seated until the procession has left the Senate Chamber, when they will be escorted in sections by the officers in charge of each section to the platform where separate sections corresponding to the sections in the gallery will be observed for them, and where the proceedings will not begin until all on the floor and in the galleries are assembled to witness them.

After the occupants of the galleries have proceeded to the platform employees of the Senate, Supreme Court, House of Representatives, and the Library of Congress and Architect's office will be admitted to seats on the platform.

While the Senators-elect are being sworn in and the procession formed the members of the press in a body will proceed down the west steps leading to the gallery, through the Senate lobby and the bronze door to the seats observed for them on the platform.

PROCEEDINGS ON THE INAUGURAL PLATFORM.

On reaching the platform the President and President-elect will take the seats reserved for them, the Chief Justice on their right and the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate on their left.

The Committee of Arrangements will occupy seats next to and behind the President and President-elect.

The ex-President, ex-Vice-Presidents, and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, the Vice-President, Secretary, Members of the Senate, and ex-Senators will occupy seats on the right.

The Members of the House and Members-elect will be seated on the right of the President next to and behind the Senate.

The Diplomatic Corps will occupy the seats on the left of the President. Governors of States, Heads of Departments, the Major-General Commanding the Army, the Admiral of the Navy, and the officers of the Army and Navy who, by name, have received the thanks of Congress, will take seats on the left of the President.

Such other persons as are included in the preceding arrangements will occupy the residue of the platform.

When all are assembled, the oath of office will be administered to the President-elect by the Chief Justice, or, in his absence, by the senior Justice present.

The President will then deliver his Inaugural Address.

On the conclusion of the Address, the Members of the Senate, preceded by the Sergeant-at-Arms, Vice-President, and the Secretary, will return to the Senate Chamber, and the President, accompanied by the Committee of Arrangements, will proceed to the Executive Mansion.

In the event of stormy weather the inauguration of the President will take place in the Senate Chamber.

All doors of the rotunda will be closed and passageways leading thereto will be kept clear. No person will be permitted to pass from the House wing through the rotunda except Members, Members-elect, and the officers of the House.

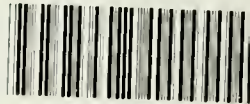
All entrances to the Senate wing (except the two before mentioned) will be closed the night of March 3 and be kept closed until after the inaugural ceremonies. All persons having the right of admission will be admitted *only* at the Senate bronze door and at the door under the arch beneath the bronze door.

The Sergeant-at-Arms is charged with the execution of these arrangements.

JOHN SHERMAN,
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